

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

March 21, 2021

Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Carolyn Oh, flute

Welcome

ADORATION

Call to Worship

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

Blessed be the God of our salvation

He is the one who bears our burdens and forgives sins.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

Jesus, from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Hymn 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting. Let us offer our confession before God and one another as we pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, let us delight in the joy of our salvation as we hear and believe the good news that comes from God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Hymn

Kyrie eleison

PROCLAMATION

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Loving Life!"

The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea

RESPONSE

Hymn 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Darcy's Song

Derek Smith

Carolyn Oh, flute; Alison Kim, cello; Sungah Min, viola

Community Life and Offering

As we live out our mission, "Caring for ALL with Faith, Hope & Love," we seek to be invitational in church events. Join our new hybrid worship which involves in-person by reservation as well as online worship. Go to the website www.potomacpresbyterian.org where you will see instructions for how you may return to worship and the safety precautions that are being taken following county and CDC guidelines. There you will find our livestream and online services as well as information about the mission and ministry of our church.

- Join the evening Lenten prayer and Communion service on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm either online or in person. Wendy Kuhn will teach us about prayer journaling and how that may deepen our faith.
- Tonight at 5pm you are invited to join our congregation in a Zoom seminar on "Practicing Resilience in 2021" with Professor Cynthia Eriksson from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Learn resilience strategies that resonate with Christian faith and practice. Sign up on the church website and you will then be sent the Zoom link before the event. This event is made possible by the Lew M. Chapin Memorial Funds. Youth Group will happen at the same time on Zoom so there are two different Zooms at 5pm tonight.
- Contributions to Nourish Now food pantry are ongoing and may be dropped off at the church during normal business hours.

Notice on your screen how you may give financially by mail to the P.O Box; online through the website; or by text. We rely on and are grateful for your financial contributions and donations toward our ministries and we also rely on and are grateful for your prayers and support. Let us rededicate ourselves to prayer and fasting in this Lenten season.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts and be shown in our hands, and may these our gifts be used to glorify you and bless the world. Amen

Hymn 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Carolyn Oh, flute

Benediction

1 There comes to my heart one sweet strain,
A glad and a joyous refrain;
I sing it again and again
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love.

Refrain:

Peace, peace, sweet peace!
Wonderful gift from above!
O wonderful, wonderful peace!
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love!

2 Thru Christ on the cross peace was made,
My debt by His death was all paid;
No other foundation is laid
For peace, the gift of God's love. [Refrain]

3 When Jesus as Lord I had crowned,
My heart with this peace did abound;
In Him the rich blessing I found
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love. [Refrain]

4 In Jesus for peace I abide,
And as I keep close to His side,
There's nothing but peace doth betide
Sweet peace, the gift of God's love. [Refrain]

We welcome to the congregation Carolyn Oh on the flute whose music is brought to us through the Darcy Smith Dance and Music Endowment and given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Darcy, daughter of Mary Margaret and Del Smith and sister of Melissa Conway, Arianna McFeaters and Derek Smith.

We give thanks to God for the life of Cecil Alice MacQuaid Phair (Cecie) who entered into fullness of life in the presence of our Lord on Saturday, March 6, 2021, and who now knows blessed rest. Cecie died peacefully at home in her sleep. Cecie has been a member of Potomac Presbyterian Church since joining in 1969 with her daughter, Susan, and son, Raymond. We were blessed as a congregation to be able celebrate her 100th birthday with her in May 2018. The prayers, love and support of our community are with her family. Notes of condolence may be sent to her daughter, Susan Kelley, 2132 New Berne Road, Henrico, VA 23228 and son, Raymond Phair, 14700 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854

We celebrate the following birthdays:

3/21 - David Hay, Grant Lawrence

3/24 - Miya Gabriel, Dick Gimer, Avery Pettway, Alyce Tamzarian

3/26 - Carolyn Ewels, Maria Jordan, Susan Pereles

3/27 - Erin Velez

If we are missing your birthday, please contact Jeanne Grillo at admin@potomacpresbyterian.org.

We continue to keep in our prayers: *Members of the Armed Forces and their families; Ruth Andrew*, mother of Tom Andrew; *Bob Beardall*, father of Matt Beardall; *Louise Berman*, aunt of Pastor Emily; *Bob Conley; Bryan Conley*, son of Bob and Miriam Conley; *Josephine DiGioia*, friend of Louise Plumb; *Marion Fleisch*, grandmother of Marianne Beardall; *Elliot Friedman*, husband of Betsey Rudnic Friedman; *Naomi & Bob Gerwin*, sister and brother-in-law of Marcia Boogaard; *Dave Gorman*, son of Nancy Tietjen & brother of Beth Rudnic; *Greg Grigorian; Atef Griess*, brother of Magda Shalaby; *Hartzog family; Velma Killion; Gloria Leber; Karen Ruan; Nettie Propps; Cam Sanders*, nephew of Marcia Boogaard; *Millie Rowan; Alex Shalaby*; and *Aleta Towle*, cousin of Sally O'Neal.

We pray for health and wholeness for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all medical professionals and researchers seeking a cure, providing care, and helping to alleviate the strain.

We pray for individuals unemployed, those who have experienced with reductions in their work due hours, pay or responsibilities and those seeking new work due to Covid.

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Emily at emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org or call the church office at 301-299-6007.

Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.